

## Chief of the Naval Staff visits Andaman & Nicobar Command Briefed on the Command's role and operational readiness

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 4  
Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, PVSM, AVSM, NM, Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), and Smt. Shashi Tripathi, President, NWWA, visited the Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) from March 1 to 4, 2025. On arrival at Sri Vijaya Puram, they were received by Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan, PVSM, AVSM, VM, CINCAN, and accorded a ceremonial Guard of Honour at INS Utkrosh. The CNS then visited Headquarters ANC, where he was briefed by CINCAN on the Command's role and operational readiness, which has evolved over the past 24 years. He also called on Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd), Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

On March 2, the CNS visited INS Kohassa, where he interacted with naval personnel and inaugurated MAFI Phase-I, enabling the operationalization of TACAN & DVOR/DME, significantly enhancing the station's operational efficiency.

On March 3, CNS visited Air Force Station Car Nicobar, where he



paid homage at the Tsunami Memorial, remembering the personnel and families who lost their lives during the 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2004 Tsunami. Later, he visited INS Kardi, where he interacted with sailors and

inaugurated Sailors' Accommodation 'Kailash' for in-living personnel. Smt. Shashi Tripathi inaugurated the renovated Naval Primary School (NPS) Kardi and appreciated the enhancements. The day concluded with a visit to INS Baaz, where

CNS interacted with naval personnel and inaugurated Sailors' Accommodation 'Baazeecha', enhancing the quality of life at the remote station.

As part of infrastructure and welfare initiatives, CNS

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## India storm into final of ICC Champions Trophy beating Australia

Dubai, Mar. 4

In Men's Cricket, India entered the final of the ICC Champions Trophy, defeating Australia by 4 wickets in the first semi-final of the tournament at Dubai today. Chasing a target of 265 runs set by Australia, the Men in Blue reached the target in 48.1 overs with 4 wickets remaining. With this, India sealed its birth for the final to be played on Sunday. For India, Virat Kohli scored 84, Shreyas Iyer scored 45 and KL Rahul scored an unbeaten 42. Virat Kohli was declared Man of the Match.



Earlier, opting to bat first, Australia were bowled out for

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## Celebrating Literary Excellence in Isles First of its kind Literature Festival "Beyond the Horizon - Andaman LitFest" at TGCE Auditorium from March 27 to 29

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 4  
With an aim to celebrate the richness of Indian literature and promote cultural and intellectual exchange and a vibrant literary culture amongst the Islanders, the Art & Culture Department, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, in association with Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, will be organizing a first of its kind Literature Festival- "Beyond the Horizon - Andaman LitFest" here this month. This three-day literature festival will take place in the auditorium of Tagore Govt College of Education, Middle Point, from 10 am to 5 pm from March 27 to 29,



2025.

Around 25-30 writers from different Indian languages are likely to participate in this Literature Festival. Similarly, around 12 local authors will also participate in this festival which aims at creating an enriching experience for literature

enthusiasts.

Participants will have the opportunity to engage in various literary sessions, competitions, and discussions, poetry recitation session etc., providing a platform for creativity and intellectual exchange. As part of the Literature

Festival, the Official Language Department of the A&N Administration will also organize a 'Haysa Kavi Sammelan'.

The Literature Festival will be an exciting event for both participants and attendees, offering a unique opportunity to immerse in the world of literature and explore new perspectives.

Literary enthusiasts, students and others have been invited to attend this unique event, a press release from Art & Culture Department said.

### Circuit Court from March 10 to 24

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 4  
Hon'ble Justice Soumen Sen and Hon'ble Justice Raja Basu Chowdhury, Judges of the Calcutta High Court shall be sitting/holding Circuit Court at Port Blair on and from 10.03.2025 to 24.03.2025 (both days inclusive), a press release from Registrar said.

## Department of AH&VS distributes Livestock inputs to indigenous Tribes of Great Nicobar

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 4  
Livestock traditionally plays a crucial role in the lives of the tribal community in these Islands. The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services

(AH&VS) supports livestock activities in tribal areas through its various schemes. Recently under the Poultry, Piggery and Goat Development Scheme the Department distributed

pig and backyard poultry Govt. Poultry Farm, Campbell Bay to the Shompen Tribes of Great Nicobar Islands on 100 percent subsidy. The distribution was effected in the presence

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## Empowering local youths

## Chief Secretary virtually inaugurates first Govt. Motor Driving School established by Transport Department at STS Unit Car Nicobar

## Training will be imparted in driving LMV & HMV class of vehicles

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 4  
Providing Government services at the doorsteps of citizen have always been at the forefront of A&N Administration's vision. Transport Department apart from providing public transport services in the UT also undertakes various registration and driving license services. It has issued licenses to Motor Driving Schools to impart training in driving of motor vehicles for different class of vehicles. At present, 36 private motor driving schools are operating in South Andaman and N & M Andaman but none in Nicobar District. Observing that no motor driving school is operating in the southern group of Islands, Chief Secretary, A & N Administration directed Transport Department to take necessary action for



imparting skill development training to particularly the local youths of Nicobar District in various Technical Trades including imparting driving skills.

Complying with the directions, Transport Department has established the first Motor Driving School which is owned by the Government within the premises of STS Unit Car Nicobar to provide training in driving LMV & HMV class of vehicles.

The new Motor Driving School was virtually inaugurated by the Chief Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS, today in the presence of all senior Officers of Andaman & Nicobar Administration and Tribal leaders of Car Nicobar.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Secretary emphasized on the need for extending all the benefits covered in various programs of the

Government to all the residents of the Islands. Opening of a Driving School will not only allow the local residents, especially the tribal, males as well as females to learn correct method of motor vehicle driving but also give them an additional employment opportunity and empower them. It was directed to ensure coverage of maximum number of tribal youths for development of their driving skills by making

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## Isles to witness Mega Book Fair at ITF Ground from April 1-10; 40 stalls to display & sell books

## Deputy Director, National Book Trust visits SVP to assess preparations

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 4  
The Art & Culture Department, A&N Administration, in association with the National Book Trust (NBT), will be organizing a grand ten-day Book Fair, to be held at the sprawling ITF Ground at Sri Vijaya Puram, from April 1 to 10, 2025. This event aims to foster a love for reading and promote literary culture amongst the people, especially students of these Islands. This Book Fair would not only benefit readers of all ages but also serve as an opportunity for publishing houses and



authors to connect with the public. The Book Fair will remain open from 11 AM to 9 PM.

The fair will feature 40 stalls displaying books from different publishers from mainland India, offering a diverse collection of genres and

authors. Renowned authors from the mainland will participate in this mega event, engaging with participants through book signings, interactive sessions, and more.

In addition to the book-related activities,

cultural programs will be organized in the evening hours, adding a festive atmosphere to the event. This book fair will provide an excellent opportunity for people to browse through a wide variety of books and purchase them directly from the stalls.

In this connection, the Deputy Director, National Book Trust (NBT), Shri Mayank Surolia visited Sri Vijaya Puram today. He inspected the venue and held discussion with the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration and

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## Foundation stone laid for Multipurpose Shed at Junglighat, Ward No. 13

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 4  
In a significant step towards addressing the long standing demand of local residents, Shri Sudeep Rai Sharma, Chairperson, Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council (SVP), laid the foundation stone for the construction of a Multipurpose Shed at Junglighat, Ward No. 13 today. The event took place in the august presence of Shri Azharuddin Zahiruddin Quazi, IAS, Secretary, SVP, along with Council members,



officials, and local residents.

The multipurpose shed is being constructed in response to public demand, as residents of the area have been facing difficulties in

organizing various community gatherings, ritual functions, poojas, and other small events due to the lack of a dedicated space. The initiative reflects the Council's commitment to ensuring improved

civic infrastructure and community welfare.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Sudeep Rai Sharma reaffirmed the Council's dedication to enhancing basic amenities for the public. He emphasized that the construction of this shed will provide much-needed support for various social, religious, and cultural activities in the locality. He also urged the contractors to adhere to the stipulated timeline and complete the work at the earliest

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laid the foundation stone for a Naval Model Complex named, 'Nanda Hall' at Phoenix Bay, which will showcase the history of naval aviation and the growth of naval ship building capabilities. At INS Utkrosh, he inaugurated a new in-living Officers' Mess. Additionally, 25 Pre-Fab Dwelling Units at Vijay Baugh were inaugurated, providing much-needed transit accommodation for Sailors at Sri Vijaya Puram. Meanwhile, President NWWA inaugurated a Ladies' Gym at NWWA Kendra and the Maritime



Heritage room named as, 'Nancowry' at Samudrika Museum, Phoenix Bay describing the evolution of Bharat's maritime history since ancient times to date.

Before departing for Delhi, the CNS addressed Joint Services personnel at Dweepika Auditorium and outlying units via video conference, commending their dedication in safeguarding the nation's maritime frontiers. He lauded ANC's pivotal role in strengthening operational readiness in the region. The visit concluded with a solemn tribute at Sankalp Smarak, honouring the unwavering spirit and sacrifices of those who served in the Islands, a press release from HQ ANC said.

India storm into final of ICC Champions Trophy ...

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264 runs with three balls to spare due to disciplined bowling efforts by Men in Blue. Skipper Steven Smith was the top-scorer for Australia, contributing 73 runs off 96 balls, followed by Alex Carey with 61 runs off 57 balls and Travis Head with 39 off 33 balls also played crucial knocks.

On the other hand, Mohammed Shami was the pick of Indian bowlers, taking three wickets while Varun Chakravarthy and Ravindra Jadeja picked two wickets each. Axar Patel and Hardik Pandya scalped a wicket each.

In the second semi-final tomorrow, New Zealand will face South Africa in Lahore.

Workshop on effective implementation of Holistic Progress Card across schools in UT begins

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 4

A two-day workshop is being organized by the State Institute of Education (SIE), Sri Vijaya Puram, in collaboration with PARAKH, NCERT, New Delhi at the Government Model Senior Secondary School Auditorium, Aberdeen Bazaar which focuses on the effective implementation of the Holistic Progress Card (HPC) across schools in the Union Territory.

The event was inaugurated today by the Principal, State Institute of Education. The importance of adopting the Holistic Progress Card (HPC) in its true spirit across schools was emphasised.

The Holistic Progress Card (HPC) is designed to align assessments with competency-based learning, a key mandate of the National Education Policy. Notably, the Andaman & Nicobar Islands are among the few States and Union Territories where NCERT-designed HPCs are utilized up to the secondary stage. To ensure smooth implementation, the Samagra Shiksha unit of the Education



Department has provided hard copies of HPCs to all schools.

Delivering the keynote address, Prof. Indrani Bhaduri, CEO of PARAKH, NCERT, New Delhi, elaborated on PARAKH's nationwide initiatives in fostering competency-based education. She emphasized that NEP 2020 prioritizes formative assessments, shifting learning responsibility beyond teachers to include students, peers, and parents. She also highlighted the need for assessments to incorporate a diverse range of tools and techniques, ensuring equal focus on all domains of learning, not just cognitive skills-an approach fully integrated into the Holistic Progress Card framework.

Dr. Vivek Gupta and Dr. Krishna Saxena from NCERT, along with two resource persons from SIE, are leading the two-day workshop. The

workshop aims to equip teachers with the necessary skills and understanding to effectively implement the Holistic Progress Card system, providing a more comprehensive assessment of students' learning and development in line with the new educational framework. These trained teachers will further train all teachers of their Cluster Resource Centers (CRC), thus targeting 100% coverage across the Islands.

This workshop marks a significant step toward strengthening competency-based education in the Union Territory, equipping teachers with the knowledge and tools to implement HPCs effectively across all grades. The inaugural function concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri Shaji Thomas, Faculty, SIE, a press release from SIE said.

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the training affordable.

Prior to the inauguration, a brief on the necessity for the School and process of establishment of the Driving School was given by the Transport Department through a short video. It was also informed that no new infrastructure has been created for this in the establishment of the School but it was done with the available infrastructure and resources.

This Motor Driving School has been equipped with classrooms, simulator, sign boards, spare parts, dual control vehicles, equipments, tools etc as per the norms provided in the Central Motor Vehicle Laws. The training will be imparted by the Motor Vehicle Inspector and senior drivers posted at STS Unit Car Nicobar.

The Department has started receiving good number of requests from the local residents for obtaining training on driving of motor vehicles and the enthusiasm shows that the applications are bound to surge in future. In another activity related to skilling of local youths, Transport Department has already engaged three local youths of Car Nicobar under the Apprenticeship program in the field of Motor Mechanic and auto Electrician and they have started taking the training in Car Nicobar Workshop of Transport Department. More eligible youths will be covered under the program.

A local level program was also organized in the premises of STS Unit Car Nicobar where the plaque of the Driving School was unveiled by the Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar District in the presence of Tribal Captains and local residents.

Local tribal leaders have also expressed their gratitude for establishing the driving school in Car Nicobar as it will allow the locals to learn driving in their localities and they do not have to move out to other places for this purpose. This Motor Driving School will immensely benefit the local tribal youths aspiring to obtain driving license as earlier they were forced to visit Sri Vijaya Puram causing heavy financial burden owing to the additional cost of fooding and lodging apart from the driving school fee. The un-employed youths and especially the tribal community will now have an opportunity of self-employment by way of gaining various life skills and empowering themselves. They can also become eligible for recruitment to the posts of various Government jobs by acquiring these skills, a press release from Transport Department said.

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so that residents can avail the facility without delay. The SVPNC continues to work towards strengthening public infrastructure and improving the quality of life for its residents through various developmental initiatives, a press release from SVPNC said.

One more young chess player achieves International rating

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 4

It is a moment of pride for the Andaman and Nicobar Islands as young chess talent AIM Roshan Senthil Kumar has opened his classical international chess rating with an impressive FIDE Rating of 1687, as per the FIDE March 2025 Rating list published by the World Chess Federation on March 1.

AIM Roshan

recently participated in the Star Chess Foundation 1<sup>st</sup> International Open FIDE Rating Chess Tournament 2025, held in Trichy, Tamil Nadu, from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> February. He delivered an outstanding performance, securing a performance rating of 1664 by defeating five rated players. His remarkable gameplay earned him recognition as the second-best



unrated player of the tournament, along with a cash prize of Rs. 5,000 and a certificate, a press release from ANCA said.

Chess- in-Schools (CiS) programme begins for the Trainees of Dr. S. R. DIET Garacharma

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 4

The three day Chess in Schools (CiS) programme, an initiative of the Department of Education, A&N Administration, commenced today for the trainees of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan DIET Garacharma, at its auditorium. Shri. Gyan Sheel Dubey, HoO (Education) made the ceremonial first move against a second year trainee to begin the programme in the presence of Shri. Mohd. Irshad Ahmed, Asst. Director (PE/ Sports, Department of Education, A & N



Administration and other officials of the Education Department. Addressing the gathering, the HoO (Education) highlighted the significance of the programme and encouraged participants to make the most of this opportunity to deepen their understanding of the game. Speaking on the

occasion, Shri Mohd. Irshad Ahmed, AD (PE/ Sports) emphasized how chess nurtures essential life skills such as planning, strategy, problem-solving, and decision-making, all of which are crucial for students' overall development, a press release from Department of Education said.

Deptt. of S&YA to organize various sports competitions on Women's Day on Mar. 8

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 4

The Department of Sports and Youth Affairs is going to celebrate Women's Day on Mar. 8 at Netaji Stadium Complex, Sri Vijaya Puram. In this connection, the Department will be organizing various sports competitions for women (Govt. Servant and general public) as per detail given below:

S.No	Age Group	Events
1.	Above 18 yrs to Below 40 yrs	5 A side Football, Volleyball, Badminton (Doubles), Cycling, Athletics (100 mts sprint & 4x100 mts relay and Shot put) and Sack race
2.	Above 41yrs to Below 60 yrs	Walking Race, Spoon Marble race, Reverse Walking and Passing the Ball.
3.	Exclusive for women above 18 years	Chess and Tug of War

All the interested women have been requested to register their names to Dr. S. Usha Rani, PET, Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Netaji Stadium, Sri Vijaya Puram Mobile No. 9531929184 on or before Mar. 7, a press release from Department of Sports and Youth Affairs said.

Services of speed boat to Little Andaman on every Thursday

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 4

The Directorate of Shipping Services has introduced an additional ferry service to cater to the transportation needs of commuters travelling to and from Little Andaman. Starting March 6, 2025, a Speed Boat service with a capacity of 75-100 passengers will operate on every Thursday. The vessel will depart from Phoenix Bay Jetty at 0615 hours and return to Sri Vijaya Puram the

same day, departing at 1300 hours from Little Andaman.

This new initiative is aimed at improving accessibility and convenience for residents and visitors of Little Andaman. The service complements the existing schedule of the larger vessel, which currently operates three weekly trips to Little Andaman on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays, a press release from DSS said.

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other senior officers for successful conduct of the event. NBT is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Education, Government of India. Established in 1957, NBT's primary objective is to promote the reading habit and create a literate society through the publication and distribution of quality books.

Book Fairs play a crucial role in promoting reading habits, providing access to a wide range of books, and offering a platform for authors and readers to interact. They serve as a hub for literary enthusiasts, educators, students, and the general public to explore new ideas, gain knowledge, and celebrate the joy of reading.

All have been invited to participate in this exciting Book Fair, explore the world of literature, and celebrate the joy of reading, a press release from Art & Culture Department said.

Department of AH&VS distributes...

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of BDO Campbell Bay and the In-charge AAJVS at Campbell Bay.

Earlier during February 2025, an outreach was established with the efforts of the Department to Trinket Bay and Lawful Bay. Animal Health Care and Veterinary Services were provided and backyard poultry birds were also distributed. An awareness on good Animal Husbandry Practices was also given to the Shompen Tribe population on the occasion, a press release from Deptt. of AH&VS said.

Link road in front of Invent Public School, Prothrapur declared 'One Way'

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 4

In exercise of powers conferred under the M.V. Act 1988 (Act No. 59 of 1988) read with Administration's Notification No./2008/F.No.32-95/2008-TR, dated 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2008, the District Magistrate, South Andaman has notified for the information of all concerned that the link road in front of Invent

Public School, Prothrapur is very narrow and not sufficient for two-way traffic. In the interest of public safety and road efficiency, and taking into account the explicit recommendation of the Traffic Branch, this stretch has been declared as 'One Way', a notification issued by DM (SA) said.

Entries invited for Khelo India City Open Archery Tournament at Sri Vijaya Puram

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 4

The Archery Association of India has selected Sri Vijaya Puram as one of the venues for the NTPC City Archery Championship. In this regard, the Archery Association of Andaman & Nicobar Islands has invited Archers to participate in the event featuring the following categories: ♦ Recurve (2x70 Mts.) ♦ Compound (2x50 Mts.)

♦ Indian Round (2x30/20 Mts.)

The championship will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at Sri Vijaya Puram. All Archers, District Associations and Academies have been requested to register their entries with the State Olympic Association at Netaji Stadium on or before 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2025, a press release from AAANI said.

Awareness program on AIDS conducted at DBRAIT

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 4

As part of Red Ribbon Activity under Andaman & Nicobar Aids Control Society, an awareness program was conducted in DBRAIT for sensitization of AIDS Control, STI/STD Prevention and Control, and Drug Intoxication

and its effects on Youth by the Shri Altamash Mustafa, Faculty Incharge B.Tech (Civil) and Nodal Officer Red Ribbon Club DBRAIT. A competition on Power Point Presentation and Reel Making was also conducted, a press release from DBRAIT said.



# Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan Yojana

### Introduction

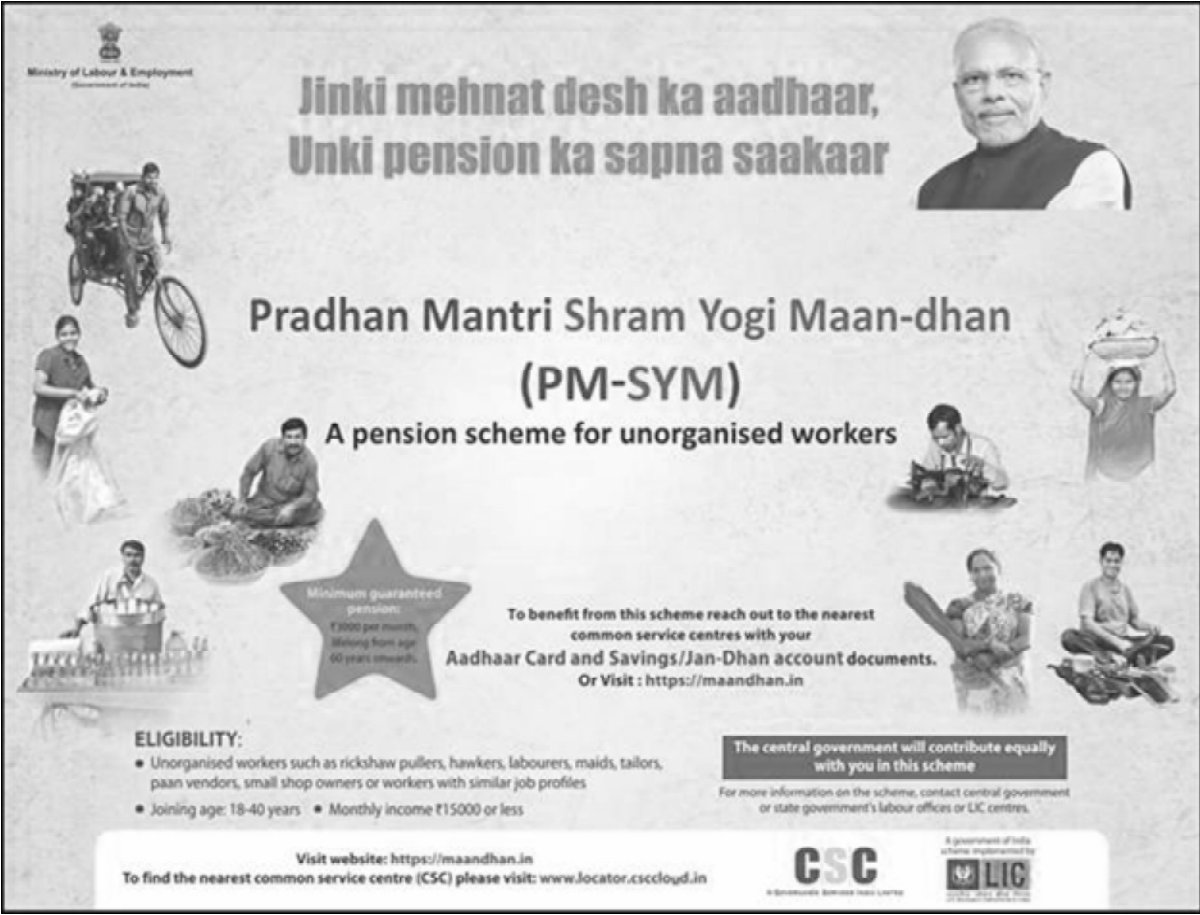
Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM), is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme launched by the Government of India to provide social security to unorganised workers. This scheme ensures a minimum monthly pension of Rs. 3,000 after the age of 60 for workers who belong to the unorganised sector and have a monthly income of up to Rs. 15,000. The scheme is a tribute to the workers in the Unorganized sectors who contribute around 50 per cent of the nation’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Unorganized Workers are mostly engaged as home-based workers, street vendors, mid-day meal workers, head loaders, brick kiln workers, cobblers, rag pickers, domestic workers, washer men, rickshaw pullers, landless laborers, own account workers, agricultural workers, construction workers, beedi workers, handloom workers, leather workers, audio-visual workers or workers in similar other occupations. As per the e-Shram portal, there are over 30.51 crore unorganised workers registered, as on 31 December 2024.

PM-SYM was introduced in the Interim Budget 2019. The scheme is administered by the Ministry of Labour and Employment in collaboration with Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) and Common Service Centres e-Governance Services India Limited (CSC SPV) for seamless implementation. LIC is the Pension Fund Manager and responsible for Pension pay out. The scheme is a part of the government’s broader social security initiatives and aligns with the vision of universal pension coverage for workers in the unorganised sector.

### Key Features of PM-SYM

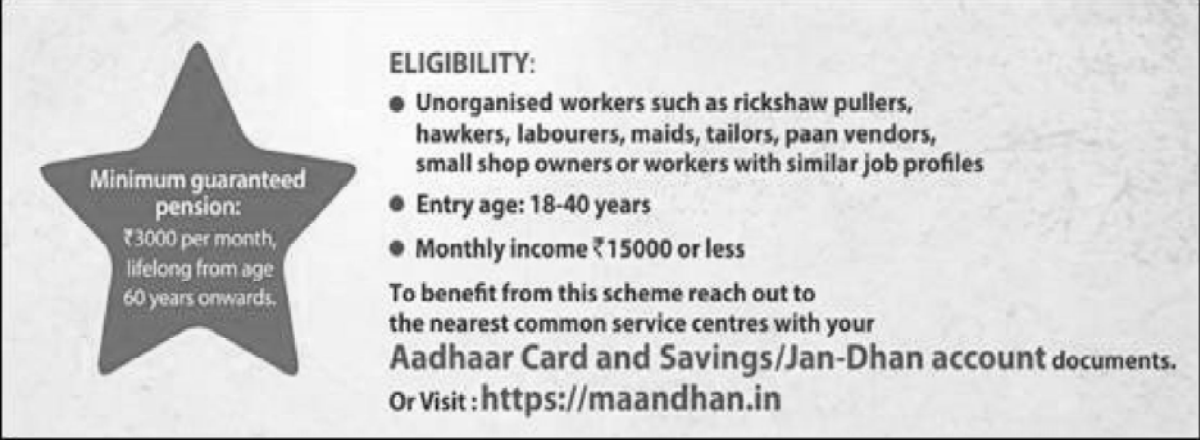
- The Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan scheme provides numerous benefits, ensuring financial security in old age for unorganised sector workers.
- ⇒Minimum Assured Pension: Rs. 3,000 per month after 60 years of age.
  - ⇒Government Contribution: The Government of India matches the worker’s contribution on a 1:1 basis.
  - ⇒Voluntary and Contributory: The scheme is voluntary, allowing workers to contribute based on their affordability and requirement.
  - ⇒Family Pension: If the beneficiary passes away, the spouse receives 50% of the pension amount as a family pension. Family pension is applicable only to spouse.
  - ⇒Exit Provisions: Participants can exit the scheme under specified conditions (detailed in section 9).
  - ⇒Easy Enrolment: Eligible workers can register at Common Service Centres (CSCs) or through the Maandhan portal.
  - ⇒Fund Management: The scheme is administered by LIC, ensuring financial stability and credibility.



### Eligibility Criteria

To enroll in PM-SYM, individuals must meet the following eligibility conditions:

- Age Requirement: 18 to 40 years.
- Income Limit: Monthly income should be Rs.15,000 or less.
- Unorganised Sector Employment: Workers engaged in professions such as:
  - ⇒Street vendors, rag pickers, rickshaw pullers
  - ⇒Construction workers, daily wage labourers
  - ⇒Agricultural workers, beedi workers
  - ⇒Domestic workers, weavers, artisans, fishermen, leather workers, etc.
- Exclusion Criteria:
  - ⇒Should not be covered under the Employees’ Provident Fund (EPF), Employees’ State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), or National Pension Scheme (NPS).
  - ⇒Should not be an income taxpayer.
  - ⇒Should not be receiving benefits from any other government pension scheme.
- Documents Required:
  - ⇒Aadhaar Card
  - ⇒Savings bank account or Jan Dhan account details with IFSC
  - ⇒Mobile number



### Contribution Structure

The contribution amount varies based on the age at the time of enrolment. The earlier a worker enrolls, the lower the monthly contribution.

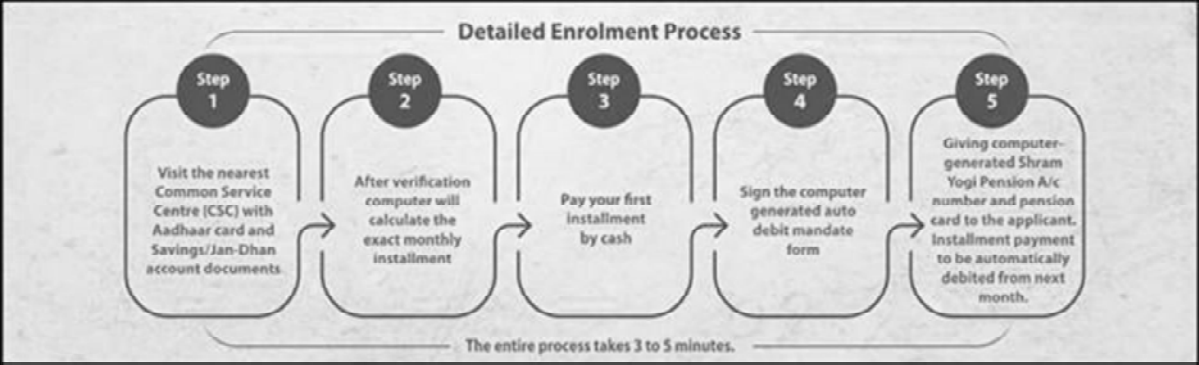
Age at Entry	Monthly Contribution (by Worker)	Equal Contribution by Government
18 years	₹55	₹55
20 years	₹65	₹65
25 years	₹80	₹80
30 years	₹105	₹105
35 years	₹150	₹150
40 years	₹200	₹200

Upon reaching 60 years of age, beneficiaries start receiving a fixed pension of Rs. 3,000 per month for their lifetime.

### Enrolment Process

Enrolment in PM-SYM is facilitated through Common Service Centres (CSCs) across India. The steps include:

1. Visit a CSC with Aadhaar and a savings bank account.
2. Provide biometric authentication using Aadhaar.
3. Fill the online registration form.
4. First subscription is to be paid in cash.
5. Choose the auto-debit facility from the bank account.
6. Receive a PM-SYM card upon successful enrolment.



All the Labour offices of State and Central Governments, all the branch offices of LIC, the offices of ESIC/EPFO will act as Facilitation Centres to give full information to the unorganised workers about the Scheme, its benefits and the procedure to be followed, at their facilitation desks/ help desks. Customer Care number 1800 2676 888 (available 24\*7) and web portal has the facility for registering the complaints.

### Implementation and Current Status



The steps taken by government to ensure that the benefits of the scheme reach the unorganized sector workers are:

- ⇒Holding periodic review meeting with States/ UTs.
- ⇒Regular meeting with state Common Services Centre (CSC) heads.
- ⇒Launch of new features such as Voluntary Exit, Revival Module, Claim Status and Account Statement.
- ⇒Extension of revival of dormant accounts from 1 year to 3 years.
- ⇒Two-way integration of PM-SYM and e-Shram.
- SMS campaign to create awareness.
- ⇒Communication with Chief Secretaries of States/UTs regarding enrolment under PM-SYM scheme.
- ⇒Launch of Donate-a-Pension Module to encourage the employer to pay the premium of their staff under PM-SYM pension scheme and increase the enrolment.
- ⇒Interaction with Department of Financial Services, Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy to increase the outreach of the pension scheme.

### Exit and Withdrawal Provisions

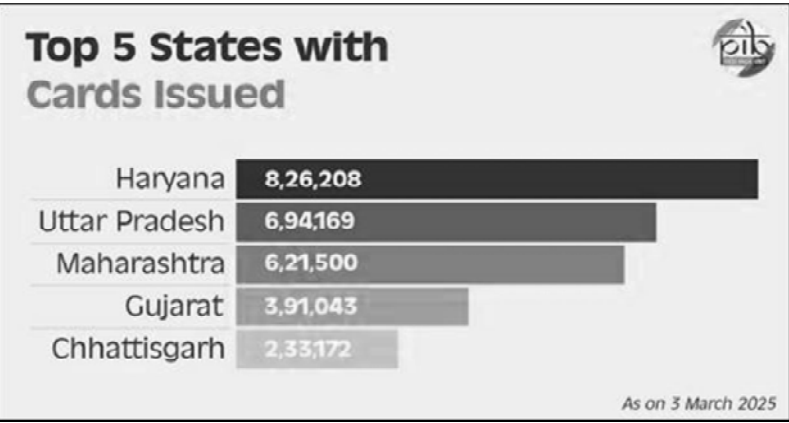
Considering the hardships and erratic nature of employability of unorganised workers, the exit provisions of scheme have been kept flexible.

- 1.Exit Before 10 Years: If a worker exits the scheme before 10 years, the contributed amount is refunded with savings bank interest rate.
- 2.Exit After 10 Years but Before 60 Years: The beneficiary receives his/her share of contribution along with accumulated interest as actually earned by fund or at the savings bank interest rate, whichever is higher.
- 3.Death Before 60 Years or Permanent Disability caused by an accident:
  - ⇒The spouse can continue the scheme or
  - ⇒Withdraw the contributed amount with interest as actually earned by fund or at the savings bank interest rate whichever is higher.
- 4.Death After 60 Years: The spouse receives 50% of the pension as a family pension.
- 5.After the death of subscriber as well as his/her spouse, the entire corpus will be credited back to the fund.

**Situation of Default:** If a subscriber has not paid the contribution continuously, he/she will be allowed to regularize his contribution by paying entire outstanding dues, along with penalty charges, if any, decided by the Government.

### Conclusion

PM-SYM is a landmark initiative that provides financial security to millions of unorganised workers. By ensuring a monthly pension of Rs. 3,000, it helps workers lead a dignified life post-retirement. With large number of enrolments and ongoing promotional efforts, PM-SYM aims to provide universal pension coverage, creating a more inclusive social security framework in India.(PIB)







**Gleneagles Hospital**  
SHOLINGANALLUR, CHENNAI

### Renowed Specialists Clinics at Sri Vijaya Puram



Saturday  
8 March 2025



**Future Hospital,**  
Old Shahana Hall,  
VK Khalid Building, Kanniyapuram,  
Wimberly Gunj, Sri Vijaya Puram



Sunday  
9 March 2025



**Syamala Clinic,**  
Opp. Social welfare office,  
Goal Ghar Junction,  
Sri Vijaya Puram



**Dr Natesan Damodaran**  
Senior Consultant Neurosurgery  
Institute of Neuro Sciences

**Expertise**

- Stroke
- Epilepsy
- Paralysis
- Slurred speech
- Paediatric Neuro problems
- DBS surgery for Parkinson's disease



**Dr Shiva Reddy**  
Consultant  
Orthopaedics & Joint Replacement

**Expertise**

- Arthritis
- Knee pain
- Knee and Hip replacement
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Under the instruction and on behalf of my client Shri V.C. Rajakrishna, S/o Late O.K.R. Menon, R/o Junglighat Village, Sri Vijaya Puram, do hereby inform that the land bearing Survey No. 163/11/1 area 100 Sq. mtrs. and Survey No. 163/11/2 area 150 Sq. mtrs. situated at Lambaline Village are the subject matter of Title Suit No.24 of 2019 filed by my client for partition is pending before the Court of Joint Civil Judge Senior Division at Port Blair. It is learnt by my client that some parties are trying to sale / purchase the said landed property or part thereof.

As such the Public and Financial Institutions (Banks) are hereby warned not to enter into any sort of Agreement / Mortgage in respect of said landed property in any manner what so ever till the disposal of the suit. Inspite of this Notice if anybody enters into any Agreement he / she will be doing at their own risk and costs.

**VD Siva Balan**  
B.A. LLB.  
Advocate & Notary  
Enrol No.: WB/1212A/2000

### INTERVIEW NOTICE

A personal interview for the contractual posts of Centre Administrator, Para Legal Counsellor/Lawyer, Case Worker, Psycho Social Counsellor, Multi-purpose Staff/Cook, and Security Guard/Night Guard under the One Stop Centre (OSC), N&M Andaman district, Mayabunder, which was scheduled for 26.02.2025, has been postponement due to administrative reasons.

The personal interview for the said post(s) is now rescheduled for 10th March 2025 at 10:30 AM. All eligible candidates are requested to be present by 9:00 AM at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, N&M Andaman, Mayabunder.

A list of eligible/ineligible candidates for the said post(s) has been uploaded on the Administration website at [www.andaman.gov.in](http://www.andaman.gov.in) and <https://northmiddle.andaman.nic.in/>.  
**ID. No. 11484**

**Central Administrator (i/c)**  
**OSC, N&MA**

## AUCTION SALE

Sparingly used Kirloskar Koel green DG set 40 KVA to be auctioned on 15th March 2025 at 10.30 am, venue Andaman Nadar Uravinmurai Sangam building, Aberdeen Bazaar.

Interested participants have to deposit an EMD for Rs. 25000/- in the form of Demand draft drawn in favour of the Secretary, Andaman Nadar Uravinmurai Sangam on or before 14th March 2025 by 11.00 am.

**Secretary**

### WANTED

Field Work Staff: 1 No. (Must Have Two Wheeler) Suriya Marine Works, Haddo.  
**Contact Ph. No. 9531921227,**  
Reg. No. 17347/LC/2023

### ROOM ON RENT

Rooms available for Rent at Junglighat Dean Street. 1 No. 3 BHK Room, 1 No. 2 BHK Room, 1 No. 1 BHK Room, Bachelor Allowed.  
**Contact No: 9933262104 / 9679539257 / 9679584087**



The Editor and all the Staff of Dweep Samachar unit deeply mourns the untimely death of **Shri Paneer Selvam**, Staff (1/30<sup>th</sup>) of **Dweep Samachar**. He passed away on **04/03/2025 at G.B. Pant Hospital**, Sri Vijay Puram. He served 22 years at Dweep Samachar unit with dedication and honesty.

Funeral Procession will take place from Mortuary of G.B. Pant Hospital at 1.30 pm on 05/03/2025 to Burning Ghat, Junglighat.

**Editor**  
**Dweep Samachar**

### LAND FOR SALE

Land for Sale Near Megapode, Sunder Colony, Haddo. Around 50 Sq. Mtrs. Land. Genuine Buyers.  
**Contact Directly: Mobile No: 9679526095**

### TO LET

2 BHK 152 Sq. meters first floor near Sony Enterprises, Dolly Gunj @ Rs.12000/PM.  
**Contact: 9933260626**

### TO LET

Single Rooms are available at Lillipur, Haddo. Please **Contact Cell: 9434260551 / 9933221167**, Single Room with attached Kitchen, Bathroom and Toilet.

### SITUATION VACANT

**1 No. – Receptionist / Manager (Day Shift)**  
**1 No. – Receptionist / Manager (Night Shift)**  
**Hotel Ram Nivas**  
Babu Line, Sri Vijaya Puram  
**Contact Ph. No. 9474283999 / 7063924777**  
**Licence Number: AN01D0001841**

### LAND FOR SALE

Land with Double Storied Building near CHC, Bambooflat.  
**Contact No.: 9933222446**

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Fully Developed Premium Office Space "Ready to Occupy" Measuring 1500 Sq. Fts. Appx. Area with Balcony Suitable for **LAW FIRMS / GROUP OF LAWYERS** etc. available on Monthly Rental Basis at Prime Location of Shadipur, Opp. Tata Showroom. Features:- Spacious Reception Area, 3 individual Chamber for Lawyers, 6 Additional Spacious Cabins, 1 Conference Room, 1 Separate Men & Women Toilets, Pantry, Ample Parking Space, on Road Access with Sanctioned 15KW 3 Phase Coml. Energy Meter with All Electrical Fittings. Contact: S-Square, Old Income tax Office Building, Shadipur, Sri Vijaya Puram-744106,  
**Call: 9732470786 / 7063959911,**  
**Email:sssquarecomplex@gmail.com**

### HOME SERVICE

AC, Refrigerator, Washing Machine, Microwave Oven, Deep Fridge etc. Repair and Service. **Contact No.: 7063929534 / 7695042418, UDYAM-AN-01-0010484, MAFIJUL SEKH**

### TO LET

3 BHK for Residential and Office purpose, 2 BHK, 1 BHK also available at Pushpa Bhawan, Nice Colony, Nayagaon, Near Aries Hotel.  
**Contact No. 7063902228 / 9474287650 / 9600674400**

### TO LET

One BHK House available on rent at Doctor's Colony, Nayagaon.  
**Contact: 9434266663**

### PARTNERSHIP INVITED FOR GYM

Partnership invited to set up GYM at Garacharma (Teylorabad road) in an area 2000 Sq. feet on commercial land at Second Floor, Ideal location, sufficient parking space.  
**Please Contact on 9474227222 / 9679577599 (9.00 am to 5.00 pm)**

### ARASAN COTTAGE MATCH INDUSTRIES (MUST) SALE DEPOT, HUT BAY

The General Public of Little Andaman are informed that if they Require Sawn Timber, May Contact the Manager, Sale Depot, Hut Bay.  
**Over Contact Mobile No: 9933234850.**  
**Reg. No.51/00319/PMT/S.B.I**

### WANTED

**Reg. No. 20311/LC/2024**  
Accounts Assistant with 1 year and above Experience in Tally Billing, Purchase Entry, Data Entry etc. Female / Male Candidates can **Contact: 9933252040, 9679562866,**  
**Good Salary for experience candidates.**



**ANDAMAN & NICOBAR STATE COOP BANK. LTD.**  
98 MAULANA AZAD ROAD,  
Sri Vijaya Puram - 744101

## POSSESSION NOTICE

(For immovable property)  
(Rule 8(1), security interest (enforcement) rule, 2002)

To,

Shri. R J Rajamanickam,  
S/o Late P S Raju,  
C-70(1) A, The Rock Shop,  
Aberdeen Bazar, Sri Vijaya Puram,  
South Andaman, A & N Islands,  
Pin: 744101

Shri. R. Sundaram, (Co-applicant),  
S/o R J Rajamanickam  
Ward No-14, 32 Shastri Marg,  
Near Kamaraj School, Sri Vijaya Puram,  
A & N Islands, Pin: 744101

**Office/Present Address:**  
Shri. R. Sundaram,  
Store Keeper,  
O/o Assistant Director, (Sports)  
Netaji Stadium, Aberdeen Bazaar,  
Sri Vijaya Puram, South Andaman.

Whereas,  
The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Andaman and Nicobar State Cooperative Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 05th June, 2023 calling upon the borrower Shri. R.J. Rajamanikam, S/o late P.S. Raju, R/o C-70(1) A, The Rock Shop, Aberdeen Bazar, Sri Vijaya Puram, South Andaman & Shri. Sundram (Co-applicant, Son) S/o Shri. R.J. Rajamanikam R/o Ward No.14, 32 Shastri Marg, Near Kamraj School, Sri Vijaya Puram. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 20,56,552/-(Rupees Twenty Lakh fifty Six thousand Five Hundred Fifty Two only) including interest calculated upto 03th June, 2023 within 60 days from the date of the said notice. The borrower/guarantor having failed to pay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ guarantor and the general public that the undersigned had taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise the powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule (9) of the said Rules on this 04th day of March in the year 2025.

The borrower/ guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealing with the properties will be subject to the charge of the Andaman and Nicobar State Cooperative Bank Limited for an amount of Rs. 20,56,552/-(Rupees Twenty Lakh fifty Six thousand Five Hundred Fifty Two only) as on 05th June, 2023 together with further interest at the contractual rate of 10.75% + 2% Penal interest on the aforesaid amount along with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., would be applicable till for the realisation of Andaman & Nicobar State Cooperative Bank Limited's dues.

Description of the Immovable Property:  
" All that part and parcel of the property consisting in Survey. No. 924, measuring area, 0.0500 Hects. Classified as House Site, situated at Bambooflat village, under Ferrargunj Tehsil, South Andaman District within the registration Sub-registrar, Sri Vijaya Puram.  
Date: 04th March, 2025  
Place: Sri Vijaya Puram

**Authorised Officer**  
**A&N State Cooperative Bank Ltd.,**  
**98, Maulana Azad Road**  
**Sri Vijaya Puram**

### AFFIDAVIT

I, RAMA DASAN, S/o Shri M VELLATHI, R/o No. 10 Opp. Catholic Church, Dhanikhari Village under Ferrargunj Tehsil, South Andaman District, do hereby undertake and solemnly affirm that:-  
1. That I am a permanent inhabitant of these Islands and Residing at above mentioned address.  
2. That self and father name is erroneously recorded in my Birth Certificate bearing Reg. No. 233 as RAM DAS (Self) & VELLATHI (Father).  
3. That self and father name is recorded in my all Educational Certificate 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Pass Certificate and Marksheet of CBSE Board as RAMA DASEN (Self) & VELLATHI (Father) instead of correct name RAMA DASAN, S/o M VELLATHI which recorded in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 7219 3010 6295, PAN Card No. BBJPD6120R, Driving License bearing No. AN0120050024716 and other documents.  
4. That self & father's actual and correct name is RAMA DASAN (Self) & M VELLATHI (Father).  
5. That the RAM DAS (Self) & VELLATHI (Father), RAMA DASEN (Self) & VELLATHI (Father) and RAMA DASAN (Self) & M VELLATHI (Father) are the same and one identical person.  
6. That I am swearing this affidavit to declare that the aforesaid names are belong to same person and it belongs to me and my father, also declare as that the aforesaid Identity Cards and Certificate are genuine and correct, hence which are applicable for all official purposes.  
That the above said statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Date: 27/02/2025

**DEPONENT**

### AFFIDAVIT

I, SUHAIL BNU MUSTAFA, S/o C. Mohammed Mustafa, aged 27 years, residing near Wright Myo Masjid, Village- Wright Myo, P/O Wimberly Gunj, South Andaman, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:  
1. I am the individual whose name is mentioned above and the details provided herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
2. My Date of Birth is 11/10/1997, which is accurately reflected in my documents.  
3. It has come to my attention that there is an error in my 10<sup>th</sup> Certificate where name of my father has been wrongly written and mentioned as C M MUSTAFA.  
4. The correct name of my father is C. MOHAMMED MUSTAFA.  
5. I hereby affirm that the accurate and legal name of my father is C. MOHAMMED MUSTAFA furthermore any other variation is incorrect.  
6. I acknowledge that this error may lead to confusion or complications in official and legal matters and therefore, I am providing this affidavit to rectify the mistake and ensure the accurate representation of my father's name in all relevant documents.  
7. I undertake the responsibility to ensure that the correct information is provided to all concerned authorities for necessary corrections and updates.  
8. I affirm that I am making this statement voluntarily, without any coercion or undue influence, for the purpose of rectifying the error in my official records.  
9. I understand that providing false information in this affidavit is punishable by law and may lead to legal consequences..  
Date: 18-02-2025  
Place: Sri Vijaya Puram

**DEPONENT**

### TO LET

2 BHK, Common and attached Bath, Big Hall, Fully Tiled with Geyser, Ground and F. Floor, 24 x 7 Water arrangement, Provision for Power Inverter at HUDCO Colony, School Line, Sri Vijaya Puram.  
**Contact No. 9679528867 / 9476031345**

### RENT / TO LET

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**UDYAM – AN – 01 – 0011245**  
**Contact No.: 9933182827 / 9476030947**

### GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

Rabindranagar, Little Andaman -744207, Where each Children is unique. Admission are going on for 25% Seats Reserved in entry level for BPL under RTE Act, 2009. Supporting Documents may be submitted to the School Office on or before 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.  
**Contact No: 9434263056, Unique No. P2024/023**

### TO LET

One BHK, Two BHK, Three BHK with Parking and 24 hrs. water supply at Sisty Nagar.  
**Contact Ph. No. 9933230207**

### WANTED

Maid full time for Cooking and House Keeping.  
**Contact Ph. No. 9933230207**

### TO LET

2 BHK spacious room available near Mansoor Cold Storage, Anarkali Basti at reasonable price. Interested person may **Contact: 8900942672**

### TO LET

Double Bedroom Flat, Hall, Kitchen with attached Bathroom is available on rent. Interested parties may Contact Near Akash Institute, Opp. Ananda Marga School, Junglighat.  
**Contact No. 9474211357**

### TO LET

One Shop Room measuring area 4 x 3 ½ meters in F/F at main Shiv Colony Junction, Dollygunj. **Contact No. 9434283556 / 9434289172**

### TO LET

3 BHK Flat with additional Study Room at 1<sup>st</sup> Floor at Lokenath Colony, Opposite Govt. Polytechnic, Dollygunj available for rent.  
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